

Delaware County Youth Council Committee
September 1, 2010
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MEETING MINUTES

Participants: Cathy Judge Fizzano, Suzanne Hoffman, Marilyn Radley, Monica Bersani, Mike Rank, Michele Martin, Pamela Reed (for Lyn Kugel), Madeline Bialecki

I. Welcome & Introductions

Cathy Judge Fizzano, Chair of the Delaware County Youth Council, welcomed attendees to the meeting and walked everyone through the agenda. Cathy also talked about the handouts: mission & outline of the year. The meeting was held at CareerLink©©, Chester PA.

II. Outreach Initiatives

Madeline Bialecki, Champion of Outreach Initiatives, provided an update on the following two project areas:

Youth Council Student Spotlight:

In the process of contacting students from the YLA (Youth Leadership Academy) to obtain pictures and students' bios are ready for submission to the Delaware County Times.

YES e-newsletter (monthly)

Each Council member received a draft of the YES Newsletter. There are still a few dates to be finalized for Health Careers Week but it is on schedule electronically mid-September. Articles include a recap of the Youth Leadership Academy, overview of youth programs, feature Re-Engagement Summit, and call for nominations for Youth Council, Student Spotlight and dates for Health Careers Week 2010. We will also be looking into printing versions of the newsletter hardcopy-for distribution once or twice a year.

III. Health Careers Week 2009

This fall, the WIB is once again sponsoring Health Careers Awareness events for students and educators, some of which will be tied in with Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) careers. Ms. Fizzano provided an overview of events: all events will be sent to committee members to help spread the word about what is going on during Health Careers Week:

- **Health Care Hero Award (Nominations due Friday, October 1)**

This contest is sponsored annually by the State. Students can be nominated or nominate themselves. Three winners will be selected, with the first place winner's nomination being forwarded to a regional and subsequently a statewide round. Mercy Health System and Crozer-Keystone Health System are sponsoring incentives for the winners, who will also be recognized by County Council. Nomination forms will be sent to committee to get nominations.

- **Educators Forum in STEM Careers (Wednesday, November 16th at DCCC)**

Targeted toward math and science teachers and counselors, this event features careers in both health care and applied engineering. New this year is a tour of the STEM facility at DCCC's main campus.

- **High School Career Fair (Wednesday, November 10th at DCCC)**

This event features career exhibitions, presentations and the Career Gates video.

- **Middle School Presentations (November 3rd, 12th, 19th and 22nd)**

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These presentations are an informal way of introducing students to the wide range of careers available in health care.

• **The Health Careers Committee** will meet again in September. If anyone from the YC is interested in being on the HCW committee please speak with Cathy.

IV. RCEP Updates

- Re-Engagement Summit October 21st & 22nd at Penn State Brandywine
- Virtual Career Fair date TBD looking at November
- Job Shadow February 2nd
- High School Morning Announcements via email to update high school on new topic to keep them engaged in the youth.

V. Youth Program Update

Joan Chicklo, Youth Programs Manager, was not present to provide current updates. However, Youth Program information can be found on pages 27-28. Another resource is the Workforce Investment Board booklet distributed quarterly. Cathy did mention in the meeting that the Excellence in Youth Awards, which is a spring event, the Council will need to look for ways to cut back on expenses. The Council is also looking at utilizing electronic forms to be posted on Delco WIB Website & email communication through Constant Contact, email marking tool.

Upcoming Meeting: November 3rd, 2010 @ 8:00 AM CareerLink©, Chester, PA